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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04329.3168-00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Kei Watanabe et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2814  
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Serial No.: 10/697,438 ) Examiner: MAI, Anh D.  
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Filed: October 31, 2003 )  
) Confirmation No.: 7758  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND )  
MANUFACTURING METHOD )  
THEREOF )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

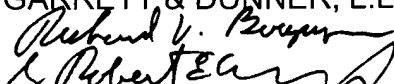
In a restriction requirement mailed March 15, 2005, the period for response extending through April 15, 2005, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, claims 1-12, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a semiconductor device; and Group II, claims 13-27, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a method of making. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-12 without traverse.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge  
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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